



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:) Group Art No.: 1743
SU-CHENG PAI AND ALAN YING) Examiner: LATOYA I. CROSS
Application No: 09/903,939) Re: Response
Filed: July 12, 2001) Our Ref: B-4157
For: LIQUID SAMPLE) Date: June 17, 2004
TAKE-UP DEVICE)

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

REMARKS

This is in response to the Official Action mailed March 24, 2004. A petition and fee for a two month extension of time to file this response is enclosed.

In her office action, the Examiner stated that the application contained inventions that are distinct from each other. More specifically the Examiner asserts that the Claims 1-12 are drawn to a liquid take-up device and Claims 13-18 are drawn to a method for chemical analysis. The Examiner further notes that the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice